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October 28, 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MICHAEL FORRESTAL
THE WHITE HOUSE

Following is a draft reply to USUN's 1503 which I believe we might consider first thing in the morning. I have also transmitted a copy of this draft to McInnes.

Telephoned
to Stevens
at 8:30
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10/28/62

"We believe exchange of messages between Thant and Castro (USUN 1503) may offer interesting possibilities which should promptly be further explored. We interpret Castro's reply as accepting proposal contained penultimate para U Thant's message subject to 'U.S. Government insists from threats and aggressive actions against Cuba including naval blockade.' U Thant can state on behalf USG that:

"1. U.S. deliberately did not today retaliate against unwarranted ground fire attacks against unarmed reconnaissance aircraft performing CAS mission, excluding out in case of American pilots."

"2. Such reconnaissance missions must and will be continued until adequate international arrangements are in operation to verify that construction and development have been suspended. And the weapons rendered inoperable.

And associate
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"3. The CAS quarantine has not been directed against the Cuban economy but only shipments of those offensive military weapons with respect to which Castro indicates willingness to cease construction and development and which in their reply to U Thant

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Date: 11/8/62

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Soviets agreed not to send. Thus there is in fact no 'blockade' in the sense used by Castro. Quarantine [will in fact only] must continue to operate to verify such shipments not being made."

/s/ U. Alexis Johnson (for Col. Meyerthor)

U. Alexis Johnson

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